Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 3 and 10 through 17, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 4 and 5 as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A manufacturing method for a toner container provided with an opening, said method comprising:

a filling step of filling the toner container with toner through an opening, wherein the toner has a true specific gravity which is not more than 2 and has a particle size which is not more than 20 microns;

a closing step of setting a cover member and closing the opening with the cover member, after said filling step; and

a sealing step of gradually ~~sealing the opening after said closing step, by ultrasonic~~ welding [[of]] the cover member [[to]] and the toner container with each other by an [[a]] ultrasonic vibration welding member which is in contact with a part of a portion to be welded while changing the contact portion by moving toward an unwelded portion;

~~said welding member is contacted to a part of a welding region between said cover member and said container to import ultrasonic vibration, and~~

~~wherein the cover member is welded to the toner container while imparting a relative movement of the welding member relative to the toner container toward an unwelded portion~~.

2. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to Claim 1, further comprising a fixing step of fixing a position of the toner container and substantially preventing movement of the toner container, wherein said filling step is effected after said fixing step.

3. **(Canceled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** A manufacturing method for a toner container provided with an opening, said method comprising:

a filling step of filling the toner container with toner through an opening;

a closing step of setting a cover member and closing the opening with the cover member, after said filling step;

a pressing step of pressing the cover member to the toner container by a pressing member after the cover member is set in the toner container in said closing step; and

a sealing step of gradually welding the cover member and the toner container with each other by an ultrasonic vibration welding member which is in contact with a part of a portion to be welded while changing the contact portion by moving toward an unwelded portion,

wherein in said sealing step, the pressing member presses the cover member at upstream and downstream portions, with respect to the movement direction of the welding member, of the portion to be welded outside the part where the cover member is in contact with the part of the portion to be welded ~~according to any one of Claims 1-3, further comprising a pressing step of pressing the cover member into the toner container by a pressing member after the cover member is set in the toner container in said closing step~~.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A method according to Claim 4, wherein said pressing step uses a plurality of pressing members, wherein a pressing member which corresponds to the portion where the welding member is in contact with the cover member is not pressed, and the other pressing members press the cover member ~~sealing step is effected after the cover member is pressed into the toner container in said pressing step~~.

6. **(Canceled)**

7. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to Claim 1, wherein in said sealing step, the welding member is circulated around the opening to return to a start point of welding.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to Claim 1, wherein the welding member has a projected free end.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to Claim 1, wherein the opening functions to permit removal of a mold during injection molding of the toner container.

10 through 17. **(Canceled)**